GEN. JOSEPH E. JOHNSTON

ANSWERS JEFFERSON DAVIS'S RECENT STATEMENTS,

And Points Out the Mistakes Made by the Ex-President as to the Surrender.

Sr. Louis, March 1 .- The Washington correspondent of the Globe-Democrat telegraphe that paper that the interview with Mr. Jefferson Davis, in the Globe-Democrat on the 20th, has at racted much attention there. That the ex-President of the Confederacy has renewed his criticism upon Gen Joseph E. Johnston's course in the final surrender causes much surprise.

Among the old officers of both armies the conclusion has long been that the der, General had the best of the contro-versy. The opinious of Mr. Davia' Cabinet, just republished, all go to strengthen Gen. Johnston's position. And now the publication of Mr. Davis' private letters for the first time shows conclusively that he, at the time of the flight from Richmond, regarded "the cause" as lost. Yet, in the face of his own testimony and that of his Cabinet recalled to his attention, Mr. Davis once more assails Gen. Johnston's action and condemns the surrender. The interview with Mr. Davis was laid before Gen. Johnston to-day. At first the General glanced over it rapidly, and then he proceeded more slowly to analyze the assertions of the ex-President in so far as they reflected upon him. Gen. Johnston did this dispassionately. His interest in the truth of history, rather than any feeling that he needed vindication, prompted him in what he had to say. A TREACHEROUS MEMORY.

Before he went through the interview calling attention in detail to the palpable mistakes which Mr. Davis had made, Gen. Johnston remarked:
"Mr. Davis speaks as if he had for-

gotten some of the events of the close of the war, or trusted to the forgetful-ness of others and their failure to make the proper connection of those events. We must take what he says in this interview condemnatory of the surrender as applying to the time subsequent to the convention between Sherman and myself, and after the terms of that convention had been disapproved by the Federal authori-ties. Up to that time the negotiations for peace had been undertaken with the fall knowledge and approval of Mr. Davis and his Cabinet. The opinions from the members of the Cabinet show the feeling was unanimous, or nearly so, among Mr. Davis's counselors, that it was useless to continue hostilities, and that the most advisable course was to make terms. Mr. Benjamin alone thought that something might be done, and he took that stand because he was fearful of saying anything to displease Mr.

Gen. Johnston here read from the Davis interview, commencing just after the ex-President had spoken of Lee's surrender as justified;
"The surrender of Johnston was a

different affair. Johnston's line of retreat, as chosen by himself through South Carolina, was open, and had supplies placed upon it at various points. He had a large force, of which over 35,000 were paroled at Greens-

A GLARING MISSTATEMENT. Laying down the paper, the General

That is an absolute lie about the strength of my army. When I went to Greensboro to meet Mr. Davis and his Cabinet to consult on the course to his Cabinet to consult on the course to be pursued, I reported my available force to be 18,500 infantry and about 4000 cavalry. The cavalry was Wheeler's command. After an armis-tice was entered into, my force melted away. The men knew what was going on. They considered the was virtually over, and they departed for their homes. I can't say just how many went, for during the truce I was not out riding among the troops as much as I had been, but I should say at least half of the infantry left and the cavalry

also.
"Instead of baving an army of 36, 000 at the time Mr. Davis speaks of," continued Gen. Johnson, "I probably had not one-third of that number. Mr. Davis saye:

"He had a large force, of which over 36,000 were paroled at Greensboro."

'The inference is that my force was much larger than 36,000, when the truth is it was not no: more than onethird that strength. Doubtless, there were 36,000 men paroled at Greensboro, but that number included many North Carolinians who had been out of services for a long time and who flocked in to take advantage of the terms of parole. It included many the Confederate hospitals in North Carolina. It included many of Lee's troops. You remember that when Lee was about to surrender, nearly half of his army left without waiting for the formalities and started southward. They, too, took advan-tage of the parole at Greenshoro." Gen. Johnston at this point took up

the paper containing the opinious from Mr. Davis's Cabinet upon the useleseness of further hostilities. "Here," he said, "is the letter of Gen. Breckinridge, the Secretary of War, advising Mr. Davis that terms be made. It is dared the 23d of April. Let us see what Gen. Breckinridge

says. ... Five days ago the effective force in infantry and artillery of Gen. Johnston's army was but 14,770 men, and it continues to diminish."

"And yet," commented the General,

"Mr. Davis, speaking now of the sit-uation on the 25th, two days later that Gen. Breckinridge's letter, says: "He (Johnson) had a large force, of which over 36,000 were paroled at Greenshoto. We had other forces in the field over 18,000 were paroled at the field, and we certainly were in a position to make serious resistance."

Gen. Johnston stopped a few moments as if to let-the full force of this contradiction of Mr. Davis by the records be appreciated, and then continued: "The truth is, Mr. Davis consented to ferminate the appreciated to the continued of the continued." sented to terminate the war because he was convinced that he had no means to carry it on. This was at Greensboro, on the 13th of when the conclusion was reached to try to make terms with Gen. Sherman. It was fully understood then that we were not 'in a condition to make serious resistance.' The two family letters of Mr. Davis of April 5th and April 231, which the Globe Democrat put lished a few days ago, show that Mr. Davis did not then entertain the opinions about the ability to continue the war which he now entertains, as shown by this interview in the Globe-Democrat of the 20th. The letters of his five Cabinet officers, advising the acceplance of terms, show how fully they believed that we could make no 'zerious resistance.' By accepting arguments and the terms of pacificatios, Mr. Davis showed that he entertained at that time opinions oppo ite

to those he now expresses.

Gen. Johnston continued: "Mr. Davis

we certainly were in a position to make serious resistance."
"How preposterous to talk now about our ability to cope with the Federal forces, at that time. There was Gen. Sherman's army of 160,000. Grant's army in Virginia numbered 170,000. We had heard that Grant's army was was to be sent to North Carolina. Indeed, Halleck had issued orders to that effect. Canby had 60,000 in the West. That were not less than 400,000 troops to oppose which I had not one-twentieth that force."

MR. DAVIS'S ALLEGED PLAN. Gen. Johnston read again from Mr.

Davis's interview:

"Gen. Johnston had these matters fully placed before him, and the de-tails of a plan for his proposed move-ment placed before him, with orders to execute it. He disobeyed the oretc.

"The only plan," he said, "proposed to me on the 25th amounted to disbending the army, except so much as could be mounted, which was to be sent to Mr. Davis, evidently for his personal protection. I objected, saying that we had three high duties to perform—to provide as we could for the safety of the people, of the army and of the high executive officers, and this order provided for the last only. "In my narrative," said the General, picking up the volume, "the circumstances of this disobedience of orders to which Mr. Davis refers are presented more fully to this effect:

"In the afternoon of the 24th of April, the President of the Confedthen in Charlotte, communicated to me, by telegraph, his approval of the terms of the convention of the 17th and 18th, and within an hour a special messenger from Gen. Hampton brought me two dispatches from Gen. Sherman. In one of them he in-formed me that the government of the United States rejected the terms of neace agreed upon by us; and in the other he gave notice of the termina-

tion of the armistice in forty-eight hours from noon that day. "The substance of these dispaches was immediately communicated to the administration by telegraph (at 6 o'clock p.m.), instructions asked for, and the disbanding of the army sug-gested, to prevent further invasion and devastation of the country by the armies of the United States. The reply, dated at 11 o'clock p.m., was re-ceived early on the morning of the 25th. It suggested that the infantry might be disbanded, with instructions to meet at some appointed place, and directed me to bring off the cavalry and all other soldiers who could be mounted, taking serviceable beasts from the trains, and a few light field-pieces. I objected, immediately, that this order provided for the performance of but one of the three great duties then devolving upon us—that of securing the safety of the high civil officers of the Confederate government, but neglected the other two-the safety of the people and that of the army. I also advised the immediate flight of the high civil functionaries under proper escort."

THE EO-CALLED DISCHEDIENCE. Gen. Johnston laid down the book and picking up the slip from

Globe Democrat, read again, from the comments of Dr. Davis: "He obeyed the order, and surrendered the army, and put everything at the mercy of the conquerers without making a movement to secure terms that might have availed to protect the political rights of the people and pre-serve their property from pillage when it was in their power."

"Mr. Davis," said the General, "talks as if he had forgotten that the attempt

vention between Gen. Sherman and myself. The belief that impelled me to urge the civil authorities of the Confederacy to make peace, that it would be a great crime to prolong the the war, prompted me to disobey these instructions-the last that I received from the Confederate government. My reasons for disregarding the plan, as Mr. Davis now calls it, I gave in the narrative. The instructions if carried out would have given the President an escort too heavy for flight, and not strong enough to force a way for him, and would have spread ruin over al the South, by leading the three great invading armies in pursuit. In that behalf I determined to do all in my power to bring about a termina-tion of hostilities. I therefore proposed to Gen. Sherman another armistice and conference for that purpose, suggesting as a basis the clause of the recent convention relating to the army. This was reported to the Confederate government at once. Gen. Sherman's reply, expressing his agreement to a conference, was received soon after sunrise on the 16th, and I set out for the former place of meeting as soon as practicable after announcing to the administration that I was about to do so. We met at noon in Mr. Bennett's house, as before. found Gen. Sherman, as he sppeared in our previous conversation, anxious to prevent further bloodshed, so we agreed without difficulty upon terms putting an end to the war within the limits of our commands, which hap-pened to be co-extensive—terms which we expected to produce a general pacification.

After a slight pance Gen. Johnston picked up the Globe Democrat of the 14th instant, containing the opinions of Mr. Davis's Cabinet upon the first terms of peace agreed upon between the generals. "I see," he remarked, "the statement is made in relation to the 'new light on the convention between Gens. Sherman and Johnston' that the agreement into which Gen. Snerman entered with Gen. Johnston had before its presentation to him (Sherman) been considered at a full meeting of those officials (the President and Cabiner)

"The only question of the kind that was considered by those officials before the meeting of Gon Sherman and myself on the 17th of April was to second and \$500 to third, sex allowwhether or not Mr. Davis should initiate negotiations for peace with Mr. Lincoln. That was at Greensboro, April 13th. After discussion Mr. Davis consented, and I was directed to propose to Gen. Sherman an armistice, 'the object being to permit the civil authorities to enter into the needful arrangements to terminate the exist-

ing war.'
"We met on the 17th, and Sen. Sherman informed me that he was not permitted to transmit any proposi-tions from Mr. Davis. I then proposed that we should agree upon preliminary articles of pacification, and we agreed upon the terms printed in the Globe Democrat of the 14th.

I believe that is all there is to be said upon the subject at this time," concluded Gen. Johnson, with a smile, as he rose from his chair,

Found Frozen in the Streets. New Your, March 2 .- Michael Me-Cabe, Patrick Condon and an unknown man were found frozen to the Glancing at the interview again, death in the streets this morning.

MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.

THE AGRICULTURAL LIEN LAW PASSED THE SENATE.

The Majority and Minority Reports on the Pealtentlary-The Eduestion Bill.

ISPECIAL TO THE APPEAL.

JACKESIS, Miss., March 2—Small.,—
Senate bills passed la t night appropriating an additional room in the Capital for the use of the State library; for the relief of A. Loeb & Co. and Con. Corblett, of Meridian; to authorize Meridian to subscribe to the capital stock of the Warrior Coal Fields Rail. stock of the Warrior Coal Fields Rail-

House bills passed for the relief of P. E. Matthews, Sheriff of Lafayette; authorizing the original survey of the county; authorizing the levy of a tax to pay the outstanding indebt-edness of Greene county; authorizing edness of Greene county; authorizing the levy of a special tax to pay outstanding warrants to Simpson; for the relief of Piezzant Joyce, of Yizzo; prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquors at Ebenezer, in Holmes county; authorizing the building of a school-house in Warren, with amendment, amending the law as to who ment; amending the law as to who

shall practice dentistry.

The morning session of the Senate to-day was chiefly given to the House bill repealing the agricultural lien law, which elicited earnest speeches, both pro and con., and the bill finally passed by a vote of 20 years to 17 nays. The act goes into effect the lat of July next, and expressly says "the crop grown in 1886 shall not be affected thereby.'

The report of the minority of the Committee on the Penitentiary has been printed and distributed among the members. Its direct conflict with that of the majority report has created quite a reaction from impressions made by the majority. The two reports were to-day referred to a select committee of five, composed of Messra. Thrasher, Kemp, Dern, South and Road with interesting the committee of the composed of Messra. Messrs. Thrasher, Kemp, Dern, Smith and Boyd, with instructions to ascertain the differences which exist between the two reports and to proceed to investigate the same, with power to send for persons, papers,

Adjourned to 7:30 o'clock p.m. HOUSE.

A bill to provide for a cotton weight r in the town of Grenada passed. A bill to provide for the blind of the colored race in this State was referred. The remainder of the morning and all of the afternoon session was given no to the consideration of the public

Adjourned to 7:30 o'clock p.m.

LITERARY NOTES.

THE Truth Seeker Company, 33 Clinton Piace, New York, will issue March 10th under the title, "The Order of Creation: The Conflict Between Genesis and Geology," the discussion which has recently appeared in the which has recently appeared in the Nineteenth Century on this subject. The divisions are as follows: 1, "Dawn of Creation and Worship," by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone; 2, "The Interpreters of Genesis and the Interpreters of Nature," by Prof. T. H. Huxley; 3, "Postscript to Solar Myths," by Prof. Max Muller; 4, "Proem to Genesis: A. Plea for a Fair Trial," by the Hon. W. Ples for a Fair Trial," by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone; 5, "Dawn of Creation," an answer to Mr. Gladstone, by Albert Reville, D.D.; 6, "Mr. Gladstone and Genesis," by Prof. T. H. Huxley; 7, "A Protest and a Plea," by Mrs. E. Lynn Liston. The book will be 1800. Lynn Linton. The book will be 12mo, paper and cloth, 50 and 75 cents. Wholesale orders will be received at once and filled promptly at date speci

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who writes about Gray with all the
attractiveness that belongs to high
culture, wide experience, rich intuitions and a genius that has long
been acknowledged and admired. Prof. Francis L. Patton in "Contemporary English Ethics," gives an admira-ble account of the different schools of thought now dealing so earnestly with questions relating to the foundations of morality; under the suggestive title of "The Just Scales," George Dana Boardman touches the question of silver coinsge, of wages, and other vital topics with a vigorous hand; the discussion of "Federal Aid in Education," specially important in view of the legislation now before Congress, receives a notable contribution in an unsigned article, opposing strongly the Blair bill and proposing government action in another direction; Mr. E. S. Nadal answers the question, "Do We Require a Diplomatic Service?" Mr. J. B. Harrison, to whom the country owes a lasting debt for his services preserving one of the great natural features of the new world, gives an in-teresting account of the "Movement for the Rademptionof Niagara;" fiction is well represented by a very charac-teristic story from the Norwegian of Jonas Lie, trans ated and adapted by H. H. Boyesen; the editorial depart-ment of "Criticisms, Notes and Re-views" presents brief, incisive discus-sions of various themes of practical or scholarly interest. (New York; A. C. Armstrong & Son)

A Big Bacing Event.

Sr. Louis, Mo., March 1.—The St. Louis Fair Association announce a special race for their spring meeting which will attract the attention of horsemen in all sections of the country, and no doubt bring together as fine a field of horses as will start from any wire this season. It is as follows: Sweepstakes for all ages, \$100 satrance, \$500 additional, for starters \$10,000 added, of which \$2000 to second

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will cure you.' Dissatisfied Workingmen.

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lowed by an increase. This expection has not been fulfilled, however, and the men have become discortented. The first demand for an increase of wages was made a few days ago. The men say that if their demands are not granted a general strike will follow, which will cause a comvolcan works there are sixteen engineers scattered in all parts of the works, who are known as running engineers, who are paid from \$1.50 to \$2.50 a day, the price ranging according to the kind of work and engines under control. These men becoming disestisfied with their wages saked for crease of 25 cents a day, and gave until Monday for an answer, when, if no answer is forthcoming a strike will follow. Mr. Wilcox, the general manager, when seen last night, said, "I sp-prehend no trouble." The men wanted 25 cents advance a day, and, as they could not pay it, they had refused the demand. He said that they could get 100 engineers where they needed one, and he expected to start up to day without a life and the could be start up to day



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